

# **TECHNIQUES USED BY BETHANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS TO GAIN STUDENTS' INTEREST**

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## **Abstract**

Teaching techniques choice is crucial for elementary school English teachers. Those techniques can help students to gain their interest in learning English. The present study explored techniques used by Bethany Elementary School English teachers to gain students' interest. This study addressed this following question: What teaching techniques do Bethany Elementary School English teachers use to gain students' interest? The present study was conducted in Bethany Elementary School, Salatiga. It used the descriptive method and the subjects of this study were two Bethany Elementary School English teachers, one was teaching the third graders and the other the fifth graders. The data for the study were collected from the classroom observations and interviews with the third and fifth grade English teachers. The analysis of the data showed that there are eight techniques used by the English teachers such as icebreaker, games, role-play, reward (bookmark, coloring book), classroom discussion, group discussion, chunk reading and presentation. Besides, the teachers also apply some school-based techniques such as reward (in the form of wall display), PBL (Project Based Learning), quizzes and monthly tests. In conclusion, based on the observations and the interviews data, all of the techniques can gain students' interest except quizzes and monthly tests.

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